(ख) और (ग) 1991-92 के दौरान 10 कृषि सेवा केन्द्रों की स्थापना करने के लिए एक केन्द्र प्रायोजित योजना ---------"कृषक कृषि सेवा केन्द्रों की स्थापना एवं सुदृढ़ीकरण"- के अंतर्गत राज्य सरकारों को केन्द्रीय हिस्से के रूप में 15 लाख रुपए की धनराशि जारी की गयी है। बहरहाल राज्य सरकारों ने इस योजना को क्रियान्वित नहीं किया है।

राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद के निर्णय के अनुसार इस योजना को अप्रैल, 1992 से राज्यों के पास अंतरित कर दिया गया है।

PRICE OF DAP FERTILIZER

3310. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that sale price of indigenous DAP fertilizers has been fixed at Rs. 332|- per bag and Government is giving subsidy on it and that it is a controlled item ;

(b) whether it is a fact that imported DAP is a decontrolled item and is being sold at market rate which is higher than Rs. 332/-;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain unscrupulous and corrupt elements, even in Government agencies, are manipulating the sale of indigenous DAP much higher than Rs. 332|- per bag taking advantage of prevailing of two prices and ignorance of farmers; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to check this malpractice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The price, distribution and movement control on indigenous as well as imported DAP has been lifter w.e.f. 25-8-92 Hence, there is no question of fixing their prices. However, the Government is giving a concession of Rs. 1000|- per tonne on the sale of indigenous DAP to the farmers in order to make it competitive with the imported DAP.

(c) and (d) No reports have been received about manipulating the sale price of indigenous DAP.

DE-CENTRALISATION OF THE ICAR

3311. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to decentralise the Indian Council of Agricultural Research;

(b) wheher it is a fact that regional and needs specific to a particular State do not receive full and prompt attention from the ICAR;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the ICAR becomes more viable and active at State-level; and

(d) the details of any achievements in research pertaining to Andhra Pradesh by ICAR in 1991-92 and 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) For each of the 126 agro-climatic zones, a zonal research station has been established with the support of the ICAR. 183 Krishi Vigyan Kendra have also been established in the districts for training of farmers and farm women in new technologies State Agricultural Universities and ICAR have been visible at the fore-front of agricultural movement in the country.

(d) During 1991-92 and 92-93 certain important varieties have been released in Rice, Maize, Jowar, Bajra, Small Millets,

Pulses, Oilseeds, Horticulture, Vegetable crops, Fisheries & Animal Husbandries, as a result of research work undertaken in Andhra Pradesh.

NATURAL FARMING

3312. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative to encourage natural farmings' to enhance soil fertility in over-used lands ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of any finances allotted to Andhra Pradesh to give emphasis for propagation of natural farming ;

(d) whether any tie-up has been negotiated with urban townships and farming communities to utilise sewage for agriculture; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) Although as such no programmes have been initiated on 'natural farmings' but to maintain the soil fertility and to increase productivity due emphasis is being given to utilist all available manurial resources and use of bio-fertilisers as complementry source of nutrients.

(c) No funds have been allocated specifically for the propagation of natural farmings.

(d) and (e) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of balanced and integrated use of fertilisers provisions have been made for setting up of compost-plants in cities to supply city compost to farmers and to that extent there is a tie-up with the farmers.

BENEFT TO INDIAN FARMERS ON THE DUNKEL DRAFT STAND

3313. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of benefits to be reached to Indian farmers on the assumption that Dunkel Draft stand accepted compared to farmers in the developed countries ;

(b) whether it is a fact that farmers of developed countries have been getting so far much less subsidies from their Governments than Indian farmers ; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and what are the other ways of giving protection to agriculturists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) It is anticipated that the result of the Uruguay Round Negotiations could lead to increase in international prices and thus better unit value realisation for export of Indian agricultural produce and may provide improved market access opportunities to agricultural export.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

कृषि को उद्योग का दर्जा दिए जाने की मांग

3314. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कृषि को उद्योग का दर्जा दिए जाने की मांग पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में क्या अग्रिम कार्यवाही हो रही है; और

(ग) इस पर अन्तिम निर्णय कब तक ले लिए जाने की संभावना है ?